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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA COMMEMORATING
THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS

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1. MAY 26, 1974, WILL MARK THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
RECOGNITION OF BRAZILIAN INDEPENDENCE BY THE UNITED STATES.
THE FACT THAT THE US WAS THE FIRST COUNTRY TO RECOGNIZE
BRAZIL WAS NOTED TO GOOD EFFECT BY MRS. NIXON DURING HER
VERY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO BRASILIA FOR THE INAUGURATION OF
PRESIDENT GEISEL.

2. ARA AND AMEMBASSY BRASILIA BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE AND
IMPORTANT TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY ITSELF BY SENDING MEMO-
RATIVE MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT NIXON TO PRESIDENT GEISEL AND
FROM YOU TO FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA. A DRAFT LETTER FOR
PRESIDENT NIXON'S SIGNATURE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE WHITE
HOUSE AND A MESSAGE FOR YOUR APPROVAL FOLLOWS.

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3. ALTHOUGH IN MOST OF YOUR LETTERS TO FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA THE SALUTATION IS "DEAR ANTONIO", WE SUGGEST THAT INASMUCH AS THIS COMMUNICATION MAY BE MADE PUBLIC IN BRAZIL, A MORE FORMAL SALUTATION BE USED.

4. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU AUTHORIZE THE TRANSMITTAL OF THE FOLLOWING TEXT TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA FOR PRESENTATION TO FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA.

5. TEXT: DEAR MR. MINISTER: IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO NOTE THAT ON MAY 26 WE SHALL OBSERVE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IN COMMEMORATION OF THAT OCCASION I OFFER YOU MY VERY BEST WISHES.

6. IN THIS ERA OF INCREASING INTERDEPENDENCE AMONG NATIONS, I FIND IT BOTH FITTING AND GRATIFYING TO RECALL THE TIME WHEN OUR TWO NEWLY INDEPENDENT PEOPLES EMBARKED UPON THEIR SEPARATE BUT ASSOCIATED DESTINIES. TRULY INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES LIKE OURS, WORKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP, WILL BE BEST ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE KIND OF CO-OPERATION WE SO URGENTLY NEED IN THIS HEMISPHERE AND IN THE WORLD. WARMEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT.
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